GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO WEST BENGAL FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide additional assistance to West Bengal Government for irrigation projects during the current year as well as next financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Union Government is providing additional Central Assistance as Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) launched in 1996-97 to Major/Medium Irrigation Projects which are either in advance stage of construction or are beyond the resource capability of the State. The Central Government hasreleased CLA of Rs. 16.538 crore for Teesta Barrage, Rs. 0.267 crore for Tatko, Rs. 0.090 crore for Hanumata and Rs. 11.238 crore for Subernarekha Barrage Projectto State Government of West Bengal in the year 2002-2003. The amount of the CLA is finalized after receipt of the proposal from the State Government as per the norms and eligibility criteria of the Programme.